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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 10 September 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia on the mutual agreement reached by the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda items 30 and 35.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 10 September 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship expresses its satisfaction at the agreement on mutual recognition reached by the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

This agreement marks the beginning of an era of peace in the Middle East, which has been long awaited by the international community. The compromise between Israelis and Palestinians reflects a new spirit of justice and cooperative dialogue among nations which, for historical reasons, have been in a state of confrontation.

The mutual acceptance of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war, and the need to work for a just and lasting peace and to terminate all military activity, proposed in Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) is, undoubtedly, a highly significant step towards a new order in international relations. This event is a historic lesson in the search for solutions in regions where the painful legacy of history continues to hinder development, justice, coexistence and true friendship among peoples and Governments.

In keeping with its pacifist policy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship declares that it will continue to support efforts to strengthen peace in the Middle East, in accordance with the norms of international law and justice, which should prevail in international relations.

Through this Ministry, and on the occasion of this historic event, the Government of Bolivia, shares the satisfaction of Bolivian citizens of Israeli and Palestinian descent.